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## Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley are headed on at least 45 percent of the acreage. Cotton planting is complete on a quarter of the acreage across the State. Alfalfa harvest is active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good to excellent.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping cabbage and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, and various citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green and red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal at most of the reporting stations across the State for the week ending April 12, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at various locations to 5 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading of 18 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 stations. Aguila received the most at 0.46 inches of precipitation. Winslow received the least with 0.02 inches. Despite this week's precipitation, there are no stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

## Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received very little precipitation throughout the month of March. Temperatures for the first three weeks of March were mostly above normal while the last week of the month was mostly below normal. Average rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to good in the Northern region, mostly fair in the Central region, and mostly good in the Southern region. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate. Soil moisture is mostly short. Insect damage remains mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions at low elevation were mostly poor. Mid elevation pastures were mostly fair and high elevation areas were mostly good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies remain mostly adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage remains mostly light.

In the Central region, rangeland and pasture conditions for the low and high elevation remain mostly fair. Mid elevation conditions continued mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate. Soil moisture is mostly short. Insect damage remains mostly light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly good for the low and high elevations. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage remains mostly light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**April 6, 2009 - April 12, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	59	-4	85	38	0.46	1.29	-2.36	35
Buckeye	65	1	92	45	0.24	0.84	-1.55	35
Canyon De Chelly	47	-3	71	22	0.32	1.54	-0.76	67
Coolidge	62	-4	90	40	0.20	1.39	-1.47	49
Douglas	61	3	84	34	0.00	0.98	-0.78	56
Flagstaff	41	1	65	22	0.19	2.72	-4.67	37
Grand Canyon	41	5	70	18	0.45	2.62	-4.98	34
Kingman	53	-3	80	31	0.06	2.49	-0.70	78
Marana	64	-1	90	44	0.14	1.68	-1.70	50
Maricopa	64	-2	92	45	0.08	0.71	-1.83	28
Paloma	62	-4	91	41	0.18	0.97	-1.55	38
Parker	64	-4	90	44	0.03	0.59	-1.42	29
Payson	51	1	71	30	0.38	4.22	-2.62	62
Phoenix	69	2	92	52	0.19	1.68	-0.71	70
Prescott	48	2	74	29	0.39	2.04	-3.27	38
Roll	63	-2	93	39	0.03	0.61	-0.29	68
Safford	61	3	85	42	0.03	1.07	-0.90	54
St. Johns	49	-3	76	20	0.16	0.71	-1.65	30
Tucson	66	3	89	43	0.29	1.71	-0.70	71
Willcox	57	1	83	36	0.19	1.64	-0.71	70
Winslow	50	-2	80	22	0.02	0.65	-0.99	40
Yuma	68	-3	92	53	0.03	0.62	-0.28	69

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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